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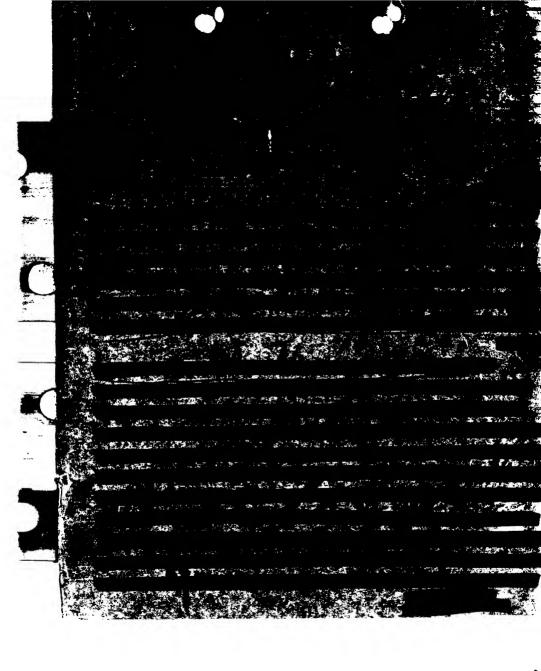
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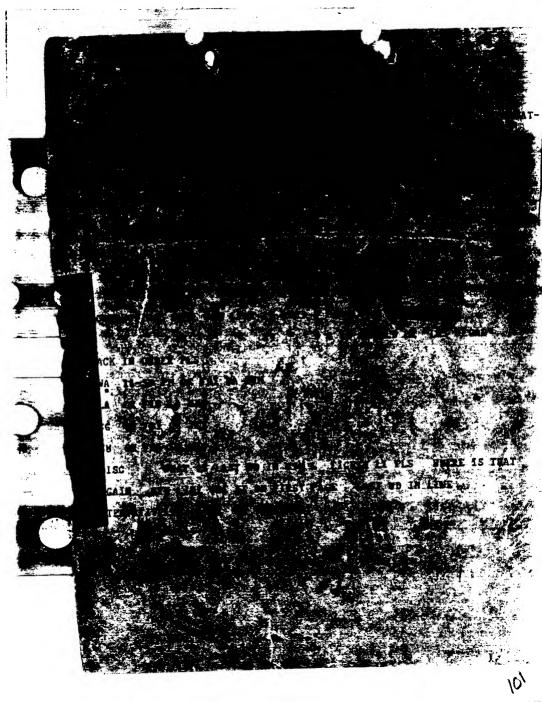


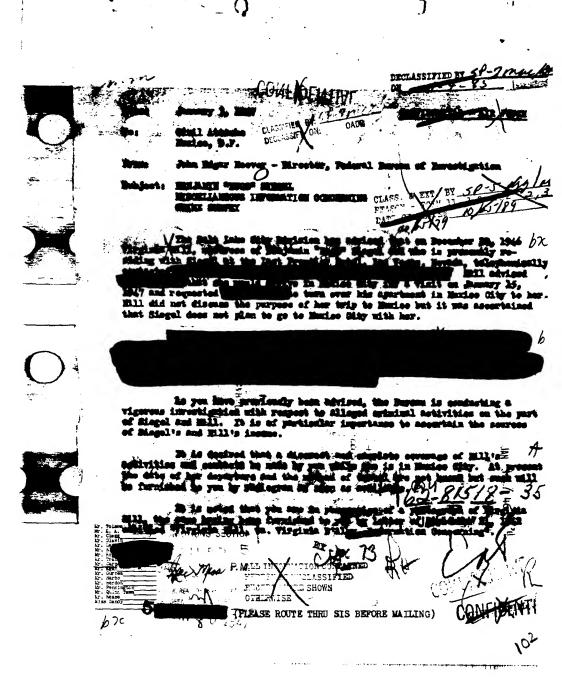


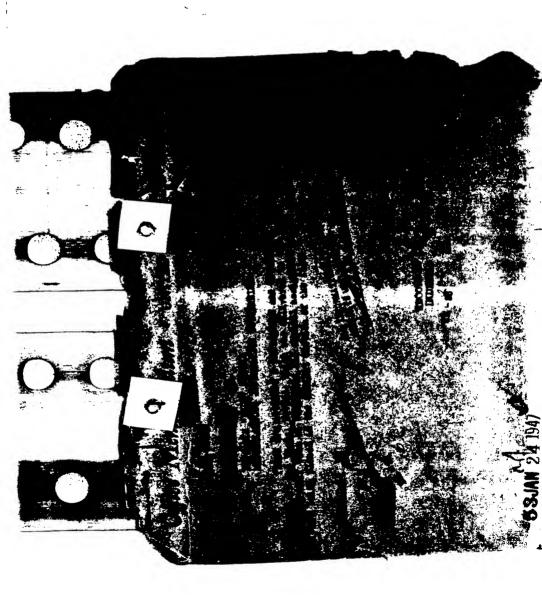
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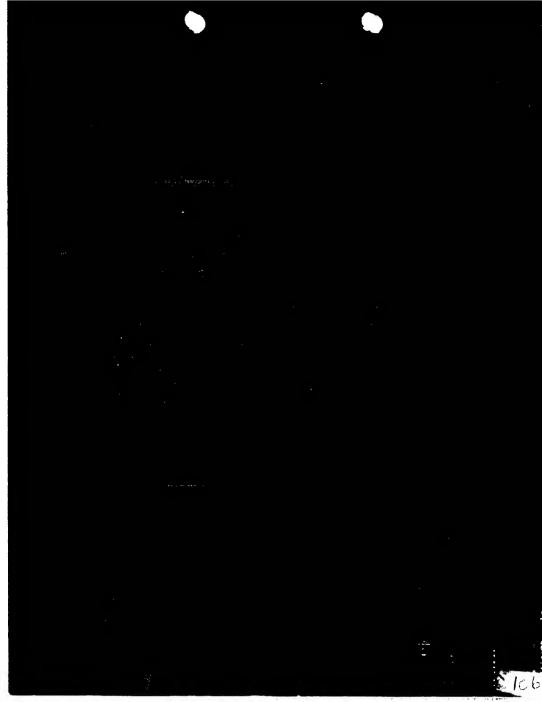
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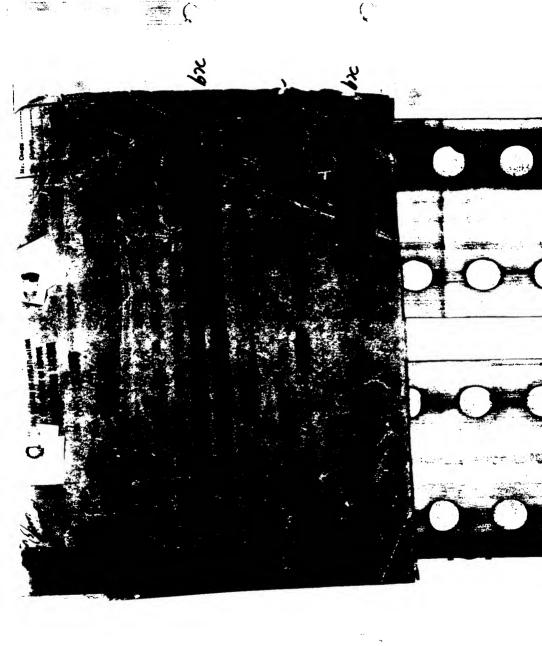












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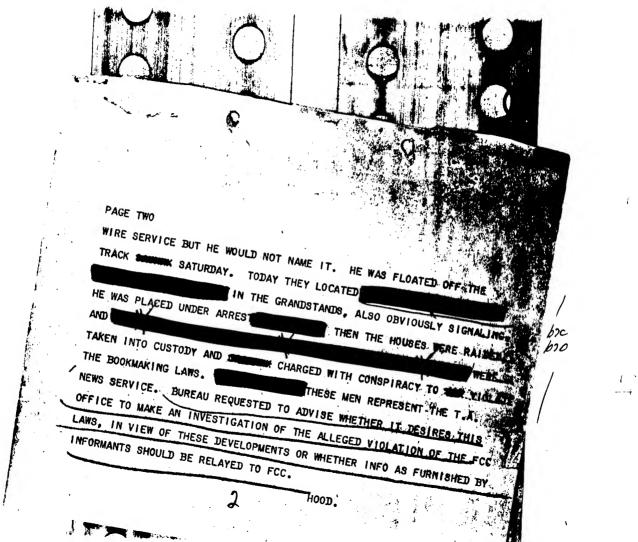
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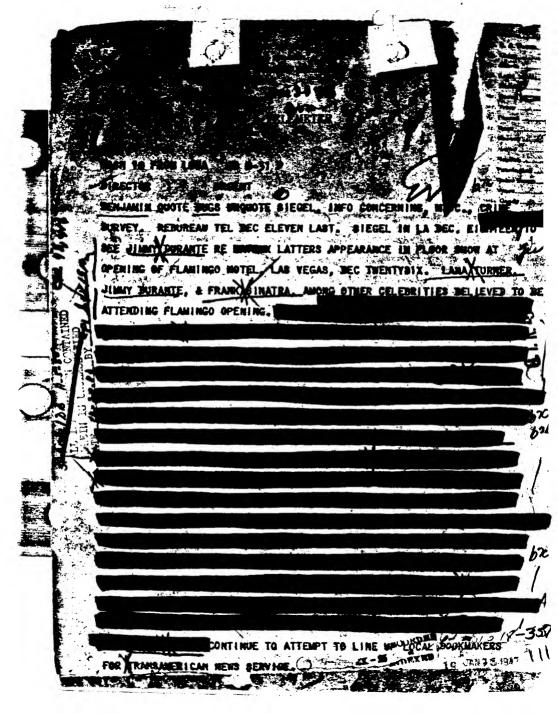
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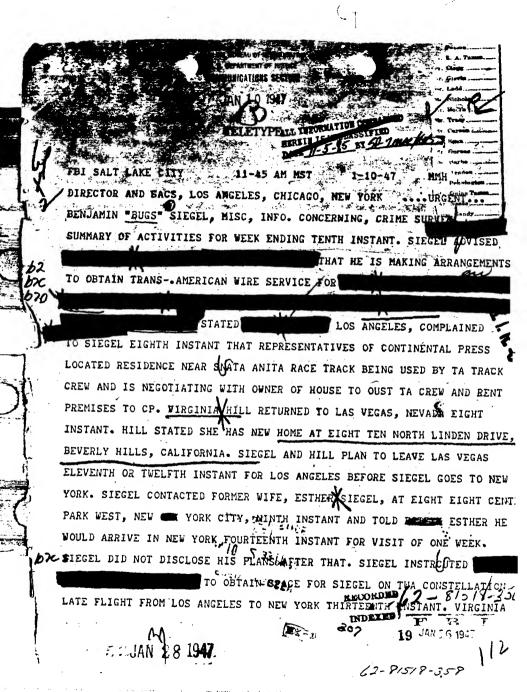
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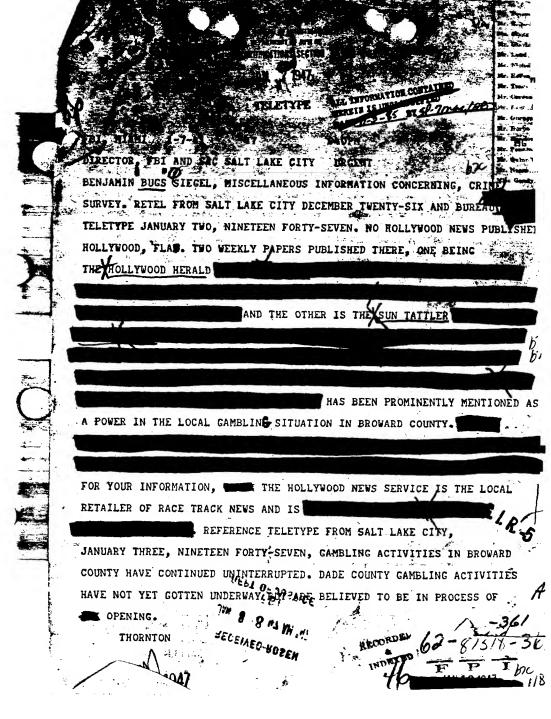
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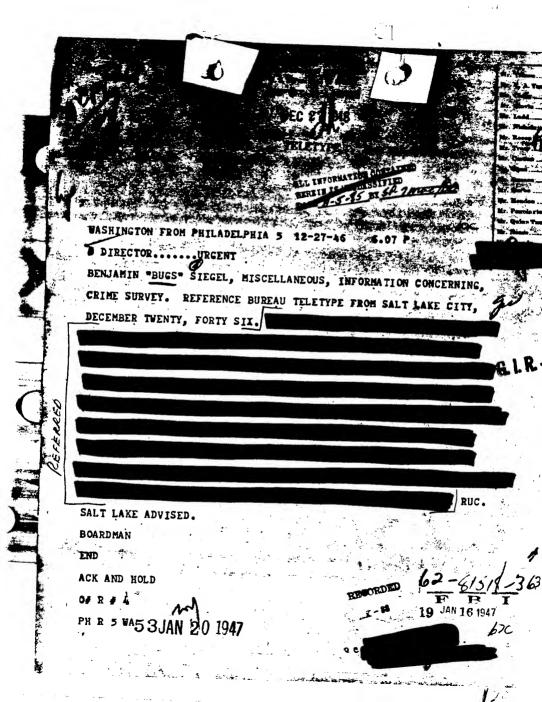
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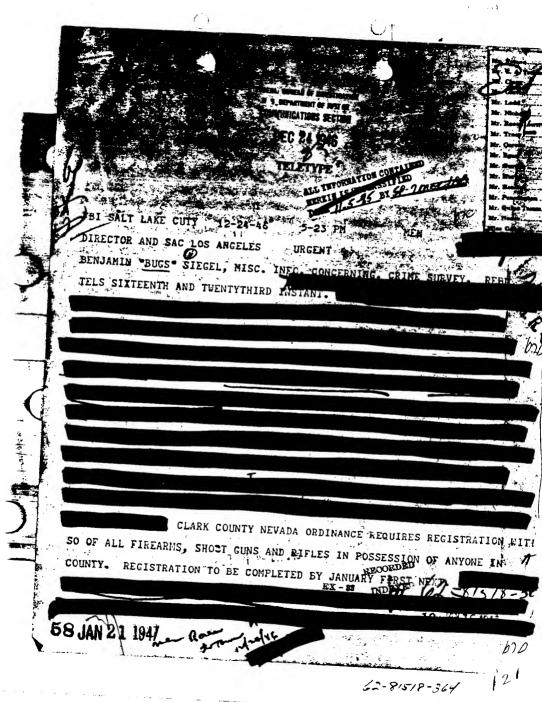
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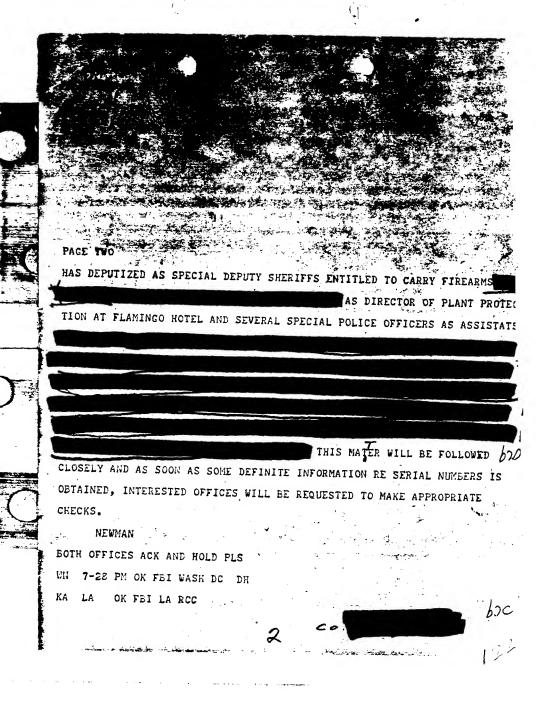
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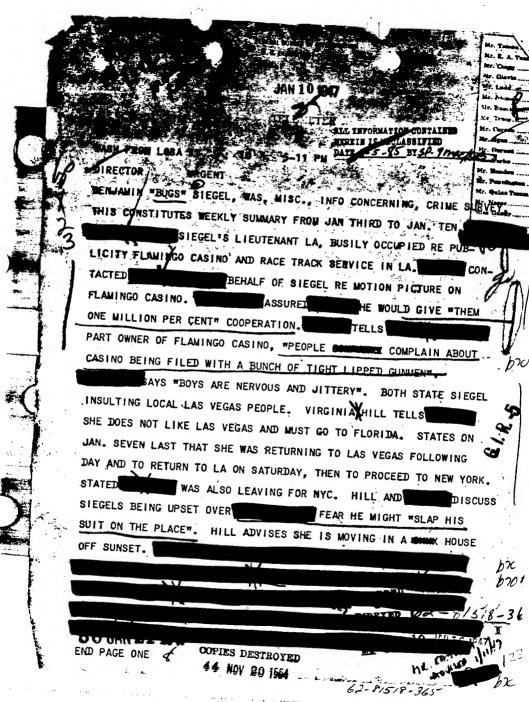


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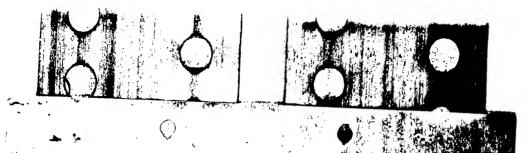






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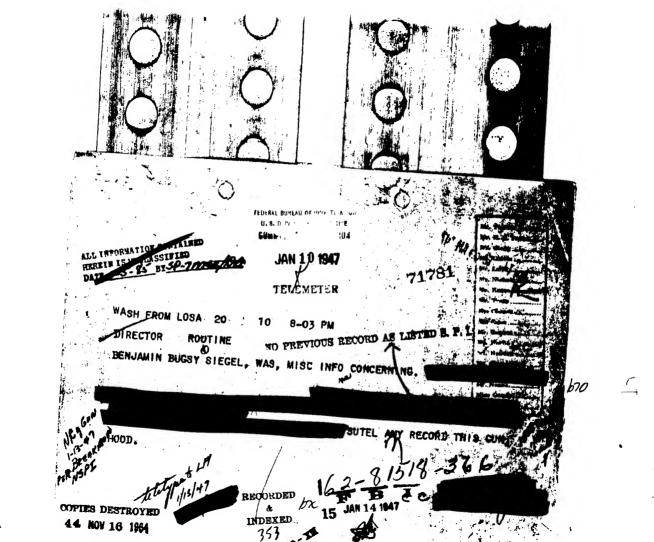
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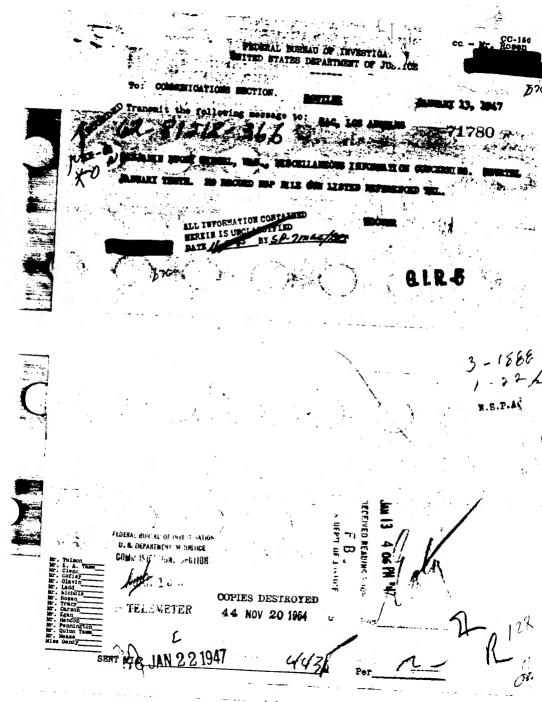
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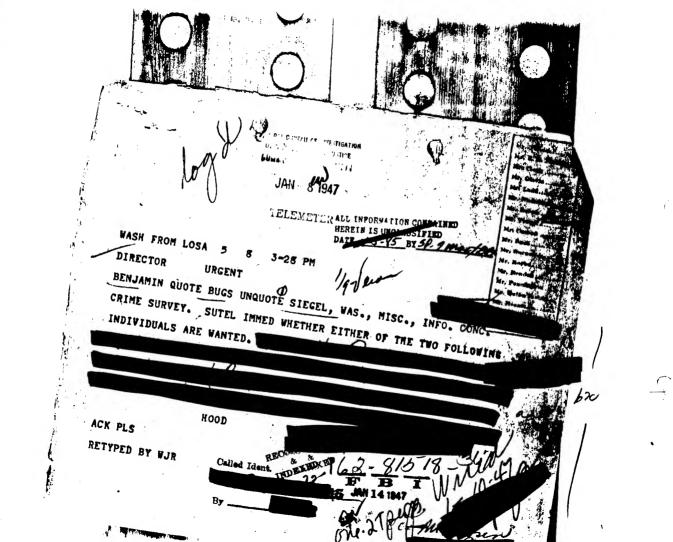
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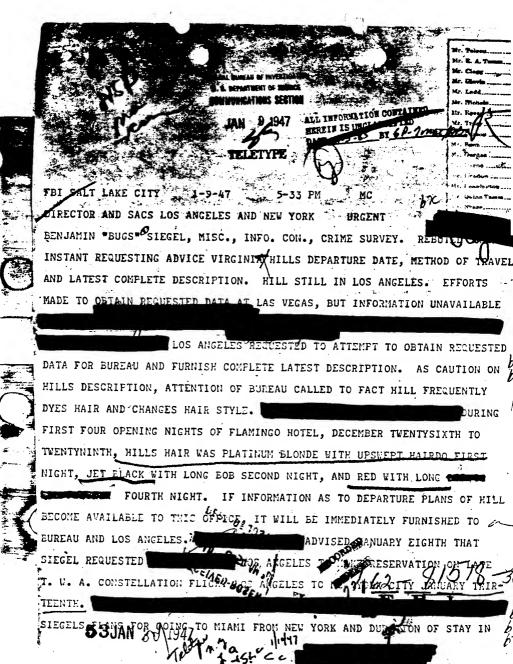
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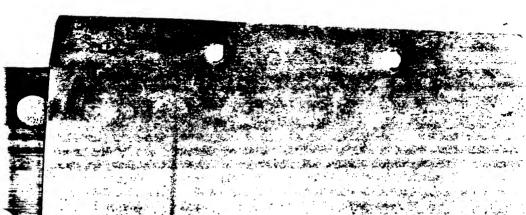






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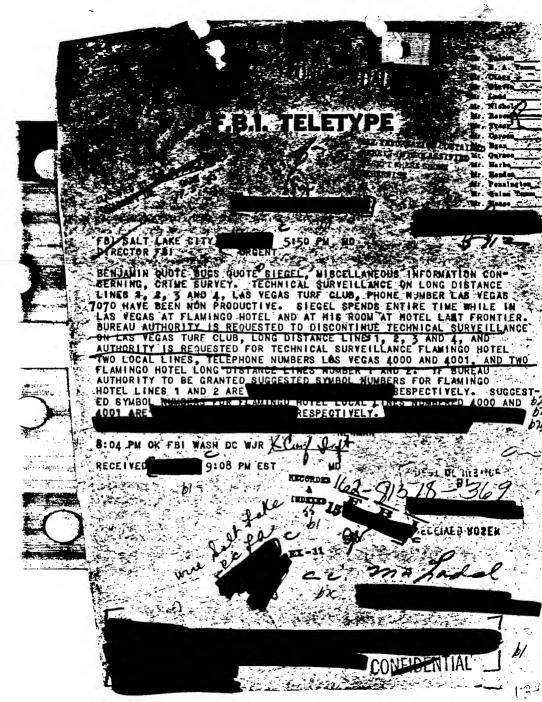
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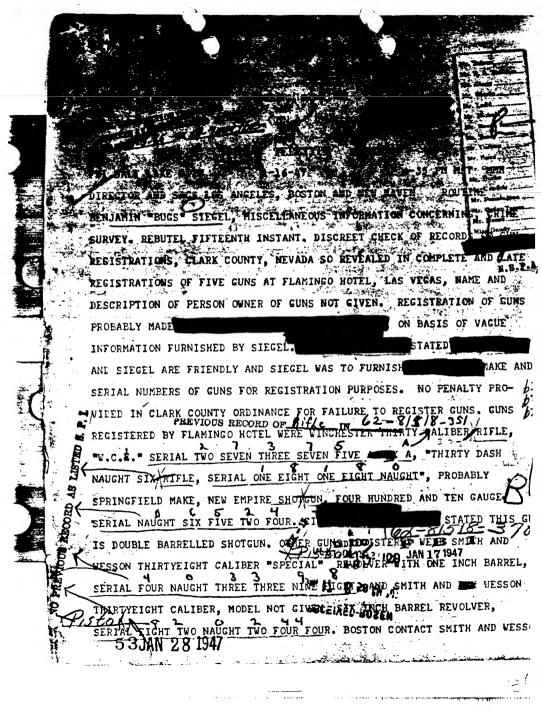
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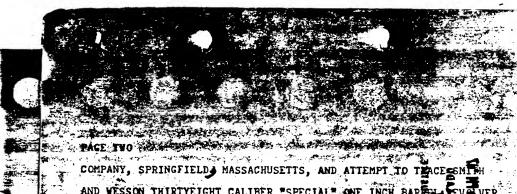
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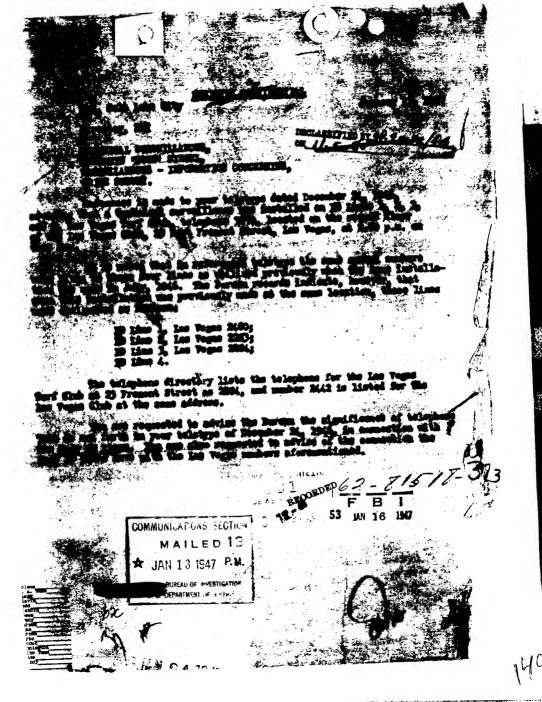
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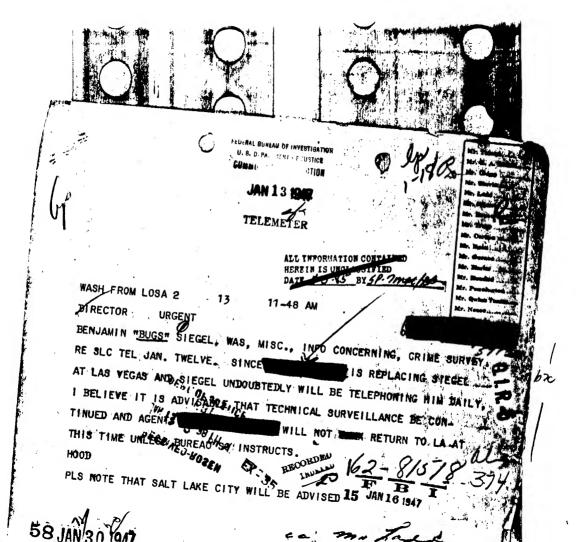
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### Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE: December 31, 1946

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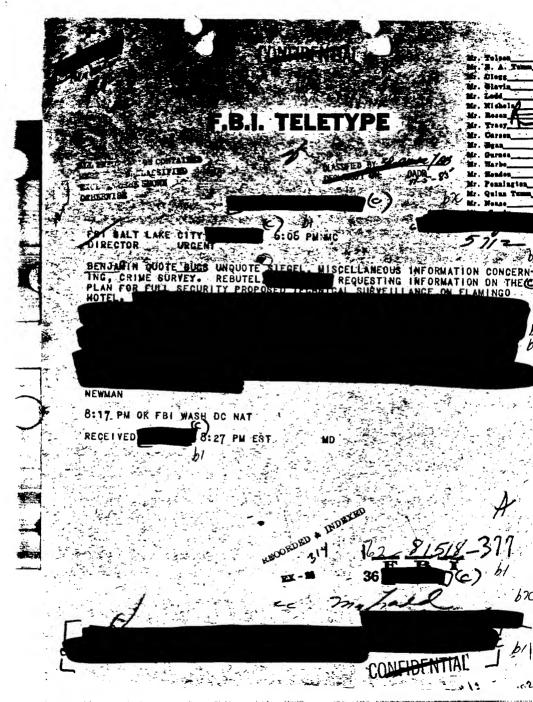
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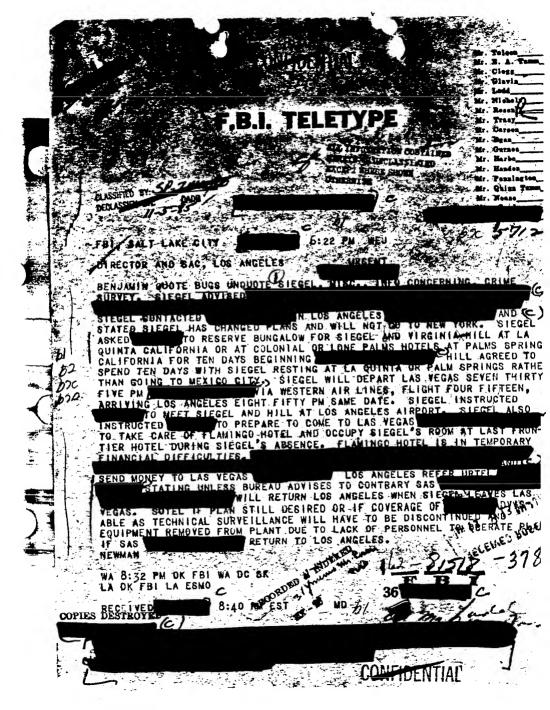
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE

DETE 11-5-95 BY 50-714

DATE: January 14, 1947

To advise you that investigation conducted from December 11. 1946, to date in the entitled case has failed to disclose evidence of violations of Federal laws within the Bureau's primary investigative furisdiction.

### BACKCROUND

Siegel was the subject of an intensive investigation handled by a special squad of approximately ten agents during the period from July 23d to October 18, 1046. In order to closely follow the activities of Siegel, live technical surveillances were installed at Los Angeles, California, and two at Las Vegas, Nevada, but the investigation failed to reflect that Siegel was engaged in violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Investigation conducted since December 11, 1946, has disclosed that Siegel's activities have been confined principally to his interests in the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Trans American News, a racing news service. In connection with the above enterprises, Siegel has made various trips between Las Vegas, Nevada, and Los Angeles, California.

The Flamingo Hotel and Casino opened on December 26, 1946, and is reportedly in financial difficulties

Siegel and his mistress, Virginia Hill, are presently planning a ten-day vacation at a California resort beginning on January 15, 1947, and will take over Siegel's quarters at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, curing this period and will be in charge of the Flamingo Hotel

Information has been developed that the Trans Emerican News has been Susing a short-wave radio to relay racing information from the Santa Anita Race-track in California indicating a possible violation of the Federal Communication Commission regulations, and that Trans American is attempting to oust the Continental Press, the competitive racing news service, in various western states inclyding Oregon, California, and Nevada. mar inches Tut 7

### Memo to Mr. Rosen

Intensive investigation, including the use of informants, physical technical and microphone surveillances has failed to disclose violations by him within the Bureau's jurisdiction. Information has been developed indicating Siegel associates with individuals suspected of handling narcotics and smuggling, but no evidence has been established concerning Siegel's participation in these alleged violations.

With respect to Siegel's mistress, Virginia Hill, investigation has not disclosed that the source of her income is through the violation of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Hill previously contemplated a trip to Mexico City in January, 1947, but apparently is cancelling this trip in order to vacation with Siegel at a California resort. She has recently purchased a large home at Miami Beach, Florida, and has indicated she may spend part of the winter in Florida.

With respect to the associates of Siegel and Hill, investigation has not disclosed violations under the Bursau's jurisdiction.

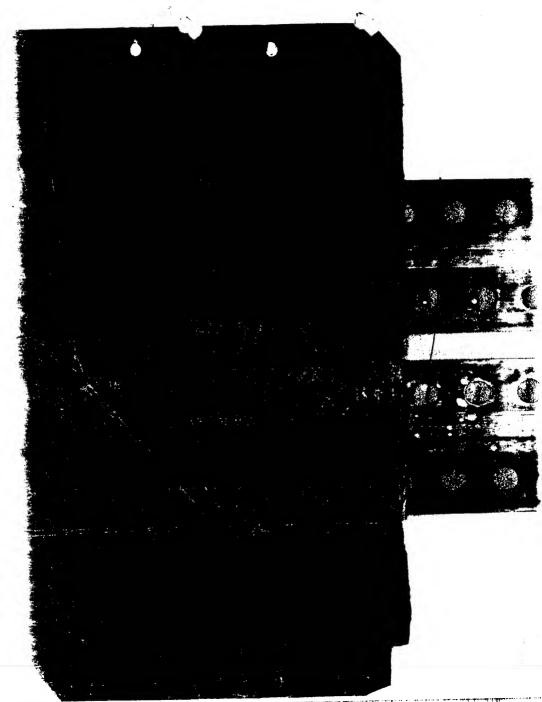
are all associated with Siegel in the Trans American News and it has been ascertained that

In addition to the Agent personnel assigned to this investigation, technical surveillances are being maintained at the Las Vegas Club and the Last Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada. The Salt Lake City Field Division has now requested authority to discontinue the technical surveillance at the Las Vegas Club and to install such a surveillance at the Flamingo Hotel.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The results of this investigation to date do not appear to warrant the continued use of the Agent personnel necessary to conduct this investigation and to maintain the technical surveillances. Inasmuch as no specific information has been developed indicating violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction, it is recommended that consideration be given to discontinuing further investigation in this matter.

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Los Angeles 13, California January 8, 1947

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January 8, 1947

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It was suggested to Agent that should any discussion come up with respect to the hoodlum element in Les Angeles that he take particular not of what is said and give this office the information which he is able to glear from conversations.

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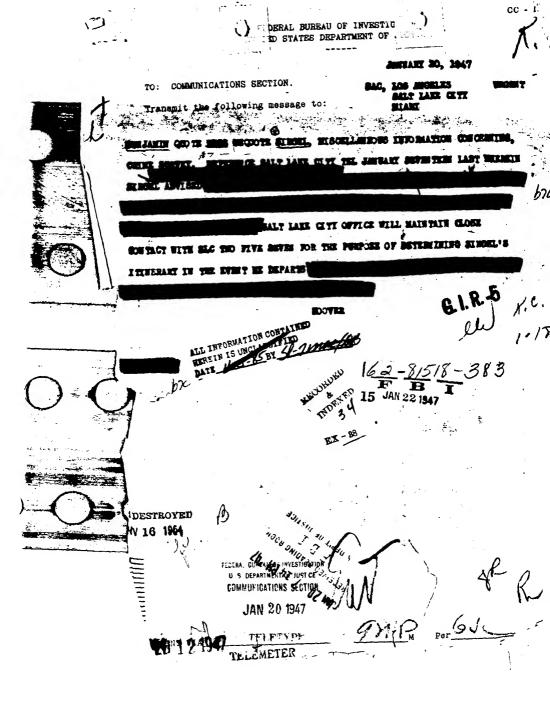
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Memo. for Mr. Rosen

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The Ios Angeles Office has now requested that the technicals at Las Vegas, Nevada, be continued to cover the activities of the property who is replacing that Las Vegas as Siegel, undoubtedly, will be telephoning daily.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the technicals in operation at Las Vegas be discontinued in view of the unproductivity and that no authority be granted to install a technical at the Flamingo Hotel. A review of the information submitted by the Salt Lake City Division reflects that

it is believed that the technicals can be eliminated.

### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

It is recommended that the attached teletype to the Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Offices be dispatched.

Attachment

## Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

PURPOSE

To advise that the Los Angeles Office has requested the continuance of the technical surveillances in operation at Ias Vegas, Nevada, to cover the activities of the who is replacing Siegel during his absence. The Salt Iake City Office had previously requested the discontinuance of the technical surveillance at the Turf Club in Ias Vegas, Nevada, and the Bureau authorised this discontinuance in view of the unproductivity of the informants.

BACKGROUND

On December 1, 1946, a technical and microphone surveillance was installed at the Last Frontier Hotel; Las Yegas, Nevada, covering the suite occupied by Siegel and Virginia Hill. Subsequently, the Los Angeles and Salt Take City Divisions strongly recommended that a telephone surveillance be authorized on the Las Yegas Club in order to fully cover the activities of Siegel while in Las Yegas. In view of the strong recommendations of SACs Hood and Newman, authority was granted on December 11, 1946, for a technical surveillance covering long distance lines 1,2,3 and h at the Las Yegas Club, Las Yegas, Nevada.

The technical surveillances at Las Vegas covering the Las Vegas Club and the suite at the Last Frontier Hotel were operated.

Agents of the Los Angeles Office were assigned to handle the operations of these technicals and at the present time are handling the technical surveillances.

Recently information has been received that Siegel intends to depart from Las Veras. His itinerary is indefinite at this time. He had previously advised that he intended to go to New York around January II, 1947, where he intended to remain for approximately two weeks and then go to Miami, Florida. On January 9, 1947, the Salt Lake City Field Division advised that the technical surveillance on the Las Vegas Turf Club was unproductive and Bureau authority was requested to discontinue this surveillance. At the same time, the Salt Lake City Division requested authority to place a technical surveillance on two long distance lines at the Flamingo Hotel, which was opened on the night of December 26, 1946. On January 10, 1947, the Bureau authorised the discontinuance of the technical surveillance at the Las Vegas Club and requested the Salt Lake City Office to furnish full details concerning the manner of installation at the Flamingo Hotel which would provide full security inasmuch as the Flamingo Hotel

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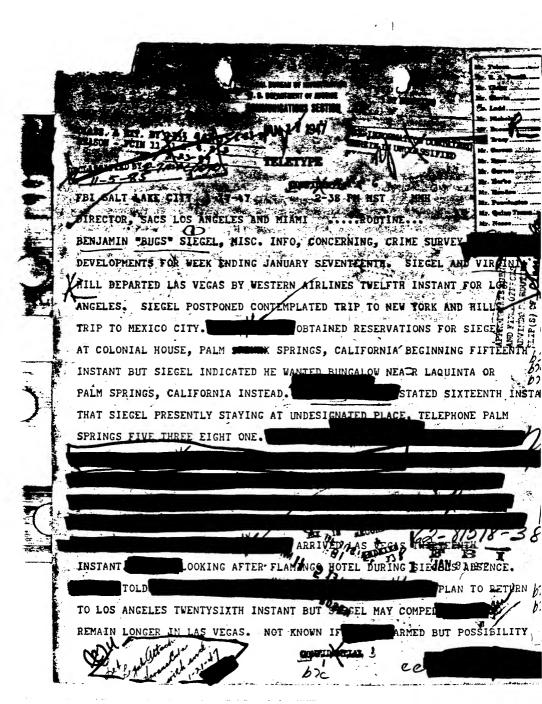
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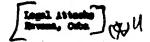
For your information, "Bugs" Siegal has been identified with the underworld for a member of years. In originally some into prominence in the underworld during the prohibition days in New York City when he associated bimedif with Enyer Laneky and their gang skyrocketed in underworld circles as they became known as the "Bugs and Enyer mob." Bufore the light inendent was repealed, Siegal and Laneky had acquired and controlled the Official Distillaries, the King's Ranson Distilling Company, White Herse Spoud Distilling Company and several other whishey distillaries and distributorables. After I the repeal of prohibition, Siegal and Laneky began to decline in power and Shortly thereafter disposed of their interests in the above-shiticond one—spanies. Thereafter, the gang began to break up and Riegal mand to California where he is presently operating. Since residing in-ise Applies, Siegal has been eparating several bishmehing detablishments and gambling Jointe. Recently, he and his hescriates constructed the Flamings Hotal, which is located and gambling dish.

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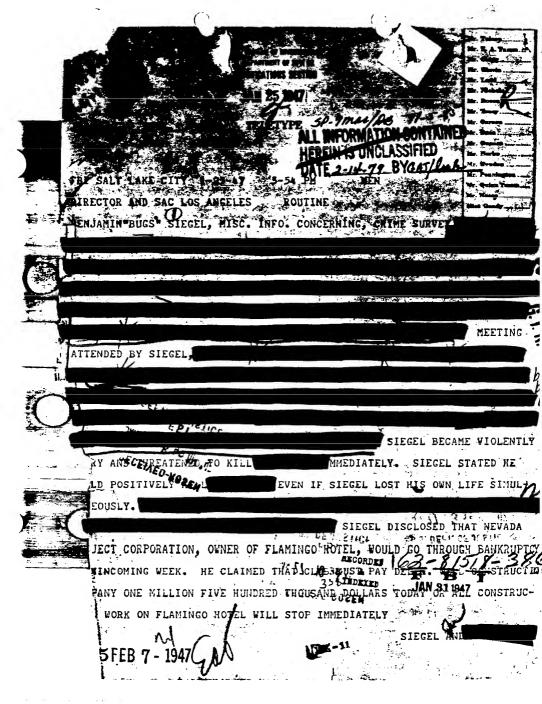
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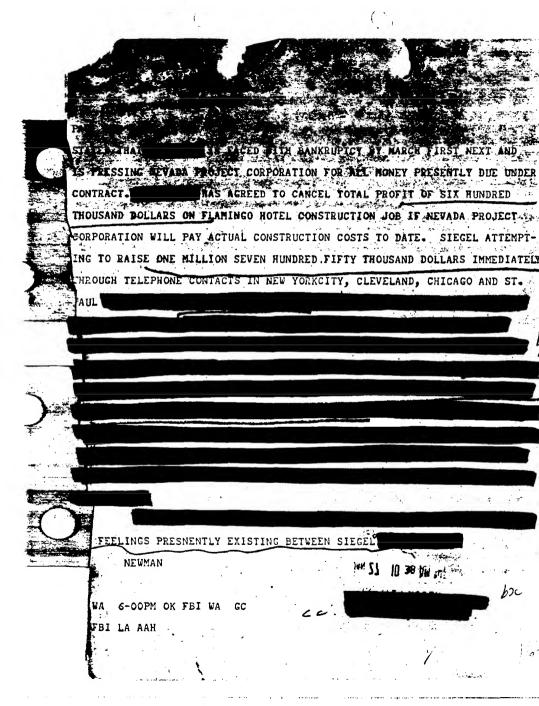
For your further information, Charles "Insky" Instance was born in Italy, Hovember 11, 1897. He came to the United States in 1907 with his parents. At the early age of fourteen years, he was such to the Breeklyn Truent School and in 1916 he served time for possessing narcotics. To use pulsequently convicted in New York State Court on 62 out of 90 courte during June of 1936 on a charge of compulsory precitation. Inciano was then consisted to Damassora Prison, Clinton, New York, during July of 1936. On Pobruszy S, 1943, Incienc made application for a suspensing of the two 15 year centences before Judge J. McCook in New York City. Judge McCook reportedly stated that Inciane had been useful in the war efforts of this country. It was the claim of Attorney Coorse Wolf, counsel for Inciano, that both Amy and Havy personnel had sought Inciano's assistance. Ascordingly, Governor Thomas R. Devey of New York paroled Inciano on January 3, 1946, on the express condition that Inciano be deported. He was thereumon released to Innigration and MacMelisation custody on February 2, 1946, and transported to Ellis Initial New York City. Inciano departed from the United States for Italy aboard the S.S. Laura Reene on February 10, 1946. Since Inciano's deportation to Italy meserous allegations have been received that he has left Italy and gone to other countries.

For your assistance, I am enclosing photographs of Luciano and Siegel, together with their FMI identification records. It is desired that this matter be handled immediately and the Bureau be advised by radiogram of the results of your inquiries.

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### BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: 62-2837 bx. 12/20/16 MISCELLANGOUS; INFORMATION CON-CERNING-CRIME SURVEY, L.A.F.D. Pare To Sales BUGSY SIEGEL an allied in muscling leval book makers to take mery transminerican News Service. Indications exist may have fingered burelary of wealt Los Angeles resident's apartment SINGEL's henchman in November last to possession of jewelry answering description of loot. SIEGH. 100 and Hill maintaining penthouse at Chatego Marmont, Lot Angeles; spending most of their time in Las Veras except for eccasional visits to Los Angeles. Indications point to fact that SIEGKL. my be actively magaged argotios racket. in recent discussions with discussed latter's shipment of 2 cans of medicine". SIEGEL allegedly boss of this type of enterprise on the Pacific coast. 1,01 DIC lated at Los angeles of REFERENCE: Bureau File /62-81518 Report of Special Agent Setober 11, 1946. This is a joint report of Special Agents DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 2 - Indianapol 2 - San Francisco 2 - Chieggo 36 JAN 22 1947 2 - New York 2 - Detroit 2 - Salt Lake City 1 - Cinsimati (Info) 2 - Cleveland 4 - Los Angeles PETERN OF 15C

### JACK DRAGNA

The portion of this report entitled "Background from this office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service" was naturally obtained from a local serice of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and was not secured as a result of the efforts of Consequently, unless otherwise stated all informants in this particular section of the report is to be attributed to the one informant.

### ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANS-AMERICAN NEWS SERVICE

has been extremely active in helping IPACNA get the new wire service started. The has been working from a list of local book makers contacting these persons either by telephone or in person and putting the proposition to them that they should switch their news service to the new organization. The had many contacts with PRATM concerning the local book makers as to what each says and his resons for not taking the service and it is apparently recognized that a local book maker, is the "bell cow" as far as people in that type of work are concerned and DRACNA and have been most anxious to get signed up. On one occasion told BRACNA that he had contacted everyone on his list and subsequently he and BRACNA had a meeting at the former's apartment to discuss other individuals than those on the original listing given

JACK has been in contact with has sent a crew out to Los Angeles to look over the situation at the Santa Anita race trady and to furnish track information so that the new syndicate will not be hampered in its furnishing all race results. The informant stated that DRACKA and have been considerably embarassed due to the fact they have been late on some races and have had to resort to "stealing" the news from the RACAN news. Also an additional handicap has been the lack of telephones and DRACKA has been somewhat hampered in obtaining instruments and facilities because of the vigilance of the telephone company. Indications exist that the telephone company is wigilantly watching the Trans-American News and if it learns that subterfuge has been used in obtaining instruments they will be removed.

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It is known that the same menths ago offered his services to part in this regard and was turned down. The supposition is to be made that cooperation was gained either by orders from persone in the syndicate or from the fact that IRACNA has apparently been experiencing some difficult, in obtaining accounts.)

On Detobor 26, 1946, the informant reported that PRACNA told some unknown individual that he was of the opinion that the could swing certain accounts and Practice mentioned that he has been in touch with the in New York. On other occasiors PRACNA has referred to the which is undoubtedly

On November 16 and LCK, in discussing the difficulties of getting the service started, stated that they were of the opinion that was an individual who could "convince" certain book makers of the wisdom of taking the new service and stated that he would get SIECEL's G.K. to attempt to line up

In connection with the track crew out here from Chicago to survey the Santa units situation and to get set-up for furnishing information, is presently in Los Angales staying at the Hollywood Drake Hotel. These reservations were made for him by

mentioned above, is an important figure so far as book makers go whose support can apparently swing other accounts and and PAGNA on November 4th last were discussing how best to got to stated that he had made a telophone call to "our friend" who said words to the effect that they should not worry that they would get the business. (It is about the frequently contacts SINGEL in connection with accounts the are desirous of getting).

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### CONTACTS OF DRACEL STRUCK LAST REPORT

distance conversation with a person believed to be informant learned that an individual named (phonetic) was comeated with the Commerce Commissions and his wife around los Angules. Further conversation was indulged in to the effect that was a person who had gotton out of line in past years but was all right now. As a matter of fact the informant reported the exact conversation to be was one of the boys back there and got out of line far a while but is O.K. new." The Bureau was advised by letter of this conversation because it was felt that in the event wore attached to a Federal Commerce Commission such informs inn would be of value.

The informant also reported that TRANA had contacted an investigator in the los ingeles County District Attorney's Office, TRANA asked if he snew and the latter replied in the affirmative, saving that his full new west

on November 14th lest to get together to talk the matter over. According to the informant PR.CNA has made reference to the fact that he has "things fixed" in the Sheriff's Office. [From the above it is apparent that Jack DRICNA, as previously indicated, is attempting to get to the Sheriff's Office in an effort to fix book making and is doing so through his contact in the District Attorney's Office.)

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bed called and was now at the Biltmore.

On November 19, 1946, in a conversation between and JACK

DRACK!, DRACK!, requested to ask BENJAMIN "BUCSY" SIBORL if he had gotton
to one local Los needes politician and tango game operator,
to one local Los needes politician and tango game operator,
in an effort to in turn influence local "juice man" for the District attorney's Office in Los needes County. In this discussion DRACK stated
that only one word from HEN would be necessary and that EEN could do more by
that word then any other individual. The conversation indicated that

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Edvised JACK DRIGHL that he thought that local Los Angoles 5411 hondsman and a friend of book makers and underworld ha benjimin "bucst characters including STEGEL gould possibly accomplish the sime toring that Speed scald in contacting however. PRAGNA stated that he thought SIEGEL could accomplish their purpose in just "one minute of talking". MAGNA further advised that he and shop any appointment that was attempting to contact was attempting to make for MAGNA to have an interview with could be because he felt that

reached better through SIECKL contecting

as a result of information furnished by a moeting between JACK Jewelry Store on Vine Street in Hollyand LOU DRAGNA in front of wood, was covered by Special agents on November 29th. DRAGNA was observed to meet a woman of approximately 30 years of age accompanied by an unknown male individual who was determined to be 35

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years of ago, 5 1 9, 170 lbs, dark hair and ayes; Sewish descent, and these three persons engaged in conversation in front of store. PRACHA was seen to enter an automobile which was determined to be registered to one this was a 19th Plysouth coupe and it is occleved Billiums driving this for insecuent as his own automobile had been involved in an accident.

Along these emplicate the informant reported on Hovember 22nd that

on Ortober 29th as mission inclinious contabled TRICHE according to the informers and saked that LOK see him as some as possible. DRICHE at the time was inthe but much endowment of Parts but he told the informant that he would leave immediately to contact this pursue who lived at 907 Bellevue, Clandale.

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contacted RAGNA and offered the latter his services in any may that they could be utilized. So lold JACK that he had advised to go with the new service and wint on to say that is no good and that the latter has never done anything but harm to thinke JLCK and his associates have never done enything but good. Went on to say that he was extremely busy at the time getting that in his orinion is as clean a guy as has ever been in and that the coming election for attorney denoral looked like a cinch fer not on to say that he had been talking to and had stated that RAGNA had cied of an overdose of pheno-barbital, a sleeping powder. Both men laughed herryily at this discussion of RAGNA's death and DRAGNA summarized it by saying something to the effect that he didn't know what went on back in Chicago. The losed the conversation by saying that he would pass the good word about PRAGNA's service which the latter thanked him for

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have been written up in previous crime survey semorands. The allegation is frequently made that coperates as a sheke down artist securing funds from public officials in return for not publishing facts or ellegations concerning their activities.)

on Novemberl?th the informant reported that an individual named residing at the Hollender Hotel in Cleveland, thic, called TRACNA and asked for HEALEREM, who was in Las Vegas.

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sonversation inquiring about their respective families and a person named (phonetic) came at the phone and said hello as did an unknown individual who allegedly owns a fighter named

as of possible general interest informant reported on November 27th that JACK and LOW DRACKA were discussing ways and means of getting out of jeil in San Diego.

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barole but that the favor the idea and some means would have to be lound of approaching

Certain of DRACMA's acquaintances were interested in the recent proposition on the California ballot to legalize dog racing and on October 22nd an unknown person in San Diego was telling JACK that certain of the latter's friends were interested in the movement. He named

Allegedly the last name has invested 2500.00. It the same time reference was made to the fact that who has been discussed in detail in crime survey memoranda) shad 20 G/s in the things.

Informant has stated on several occasions that DRAGNA frequently dines at Lucey's Restaurant, and apparently DRAGNA frequently cashes checks at this place. Jack one time told an individual named by Lucey's that he had a \$1900.00 check and after some discussion they agreed that would run it through regular channels. Leemed very anxious to oblige DRAGNA along these lines.

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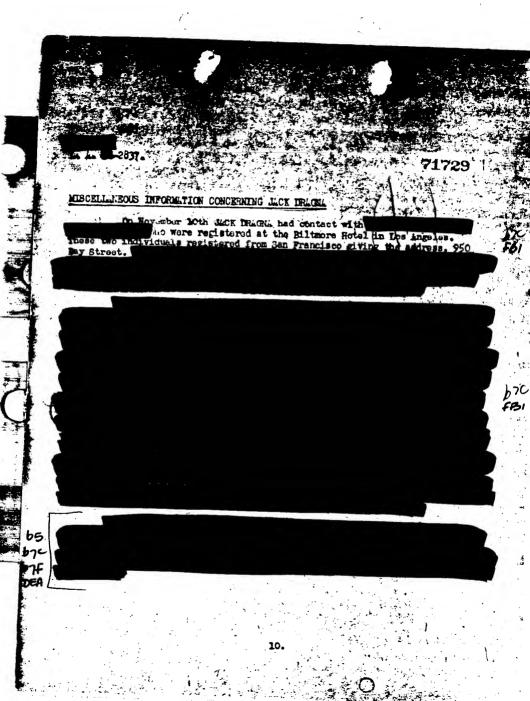
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my whiteels with oncerding plans for the wire service, difficulties in San Diego rouble in secting telephones, the sending of a crew out to gos ingeles to pro perly service Earts intto, and other matters pertaining to furnishing of wire bervice. Frequently and Jick have made reference to as has been inof the mire service celled Mok on December 5th dieated proviously. and asked to meet Tick which appointment the latter was most anxious to keep and an the meantime he was attempting to find so that he when could meet with DRAGNA and on November 27th Mest and and the difficulty of the new service and wants money." LRENA was emmatic that there were not sufficient funds to enable him as yet to mind money to Chicago. On one occasion Jick was talking to ind in Giarnseinz mentioned above and the possibility of their We'll leave it to Ben" getting to him

allogedly an individual from Chicago, ispresently in Los ingeles with a race tract crow and has been connecting Enight. In his capacity as an importer Daight has been financially interested in a shi much of bananas coming from some lact our port to los angules. The thip went dwan allegedly with all hands and although the cargo was insured IRAH has been somewhat worried about this recident. Freently IRAH, was arrested by the Los ingeles Police Department as a "robbery suspect" and posted \$5,000.00 bond. He received considerable publicity in the press in connection with this incident and is presently sucing several Los ingeles officers for \$100,000.00 for false arrest. He has told many of his friends that he is of the opinion that the arrest was a roust" and intends "seeing that they dear to this to anyone also." Informant reported that in a recent conversation with an unknown individual t is person asked LCK whether the arrest was because "they were suspicions." the boats to which LCK replied in the negative, saying that he thought "see a groust".

Informant is of the opinion that the sas has been previously, indicated has lent his efforts towards lining up book makers through the influence of persons in the syndicate. He is of this opinion because told JACK with little guy is coming with us and that shortly thereafter a meeting was held between IRAGNA and the turned down offers saying that the letter should take care of his own business and I'll take care of mine. DRAGNA has expressed displacement the recent arrest by the Police Department because for what bearing the publicity might have on his immigration status.

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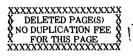
#### BENJAMIN "BUJSY" SIBORI

MENIANIN STRUCT has been in and out of Los Angeles on several occasions aince the submission of the last report. He is presently maintaining an apartment at the Chateau Marmont Apartments, located on the Sunget Strip. He and VIRGINIA HIL. live here when in los Angeles as man and wife and they are registered as Mr. and Mrs. HILL. They occurs nenthouse 6-D for which they are paying 24.00 per day rent. Recently paid the rent on this martment in SIEGEL's absence. Mis visits to Los Angeles have been over weekends for two or three days at a time and his activities appear to be mainly along social lines as for as is known. He has been devoting considerable effort and time to the construction of his new hotel, The Flamingo, in Las Vegas, Neyada. Considerable information has been received by teletype from Las Vegas which is not being set out herein because the Salt Lake City office is submitting its own report in the EERIJAMIN STRUEL case. References to SIEGEL will be found in that section of this report which JACK DRACKA and showing his connection with their activities.

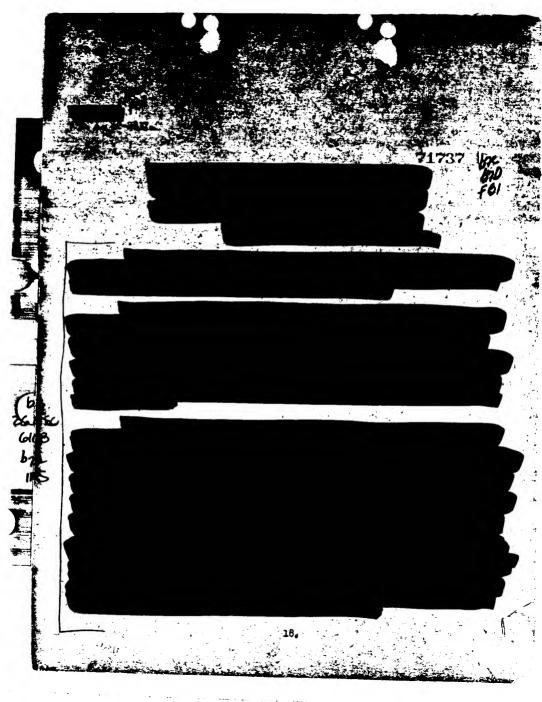


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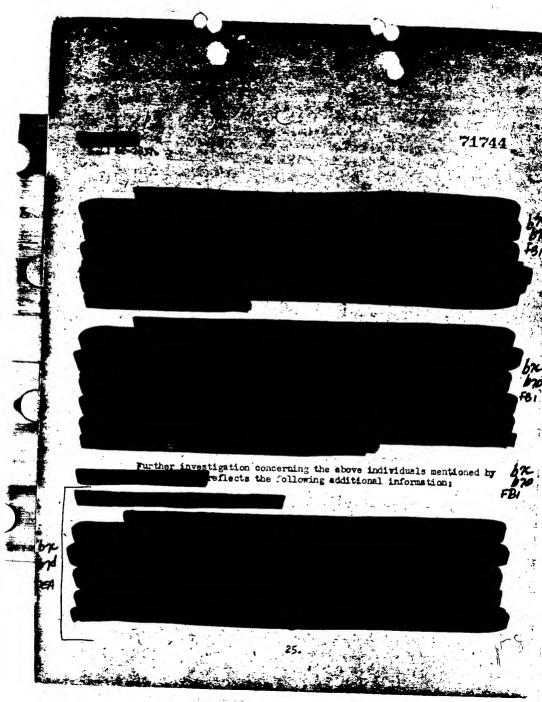
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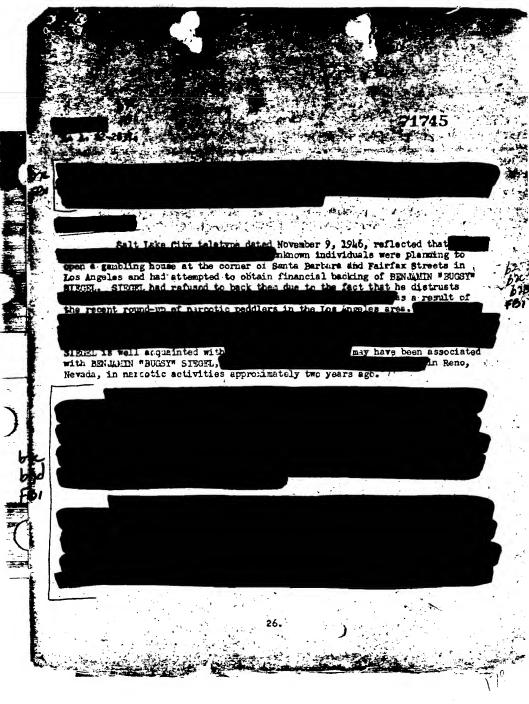


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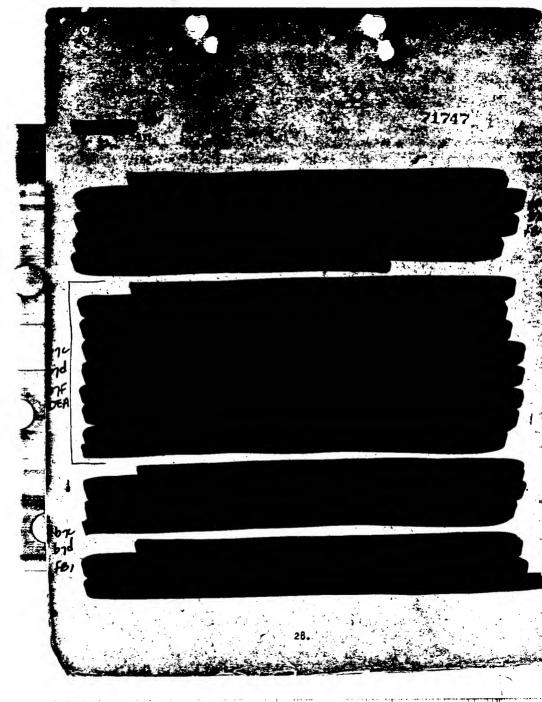
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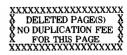
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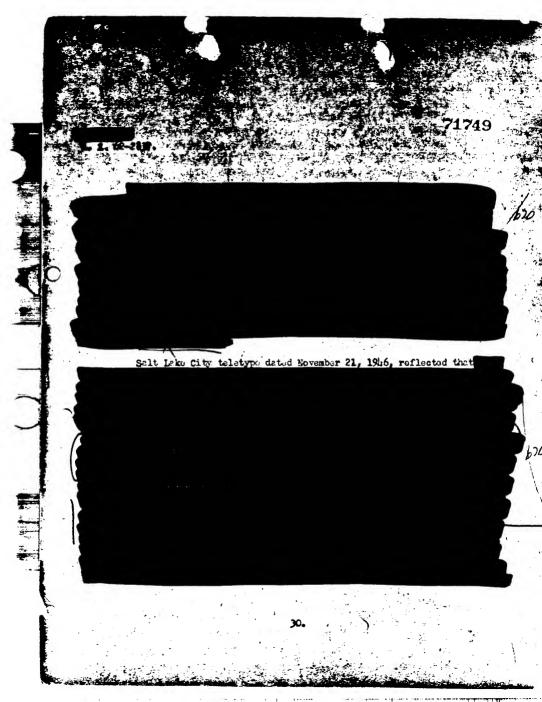


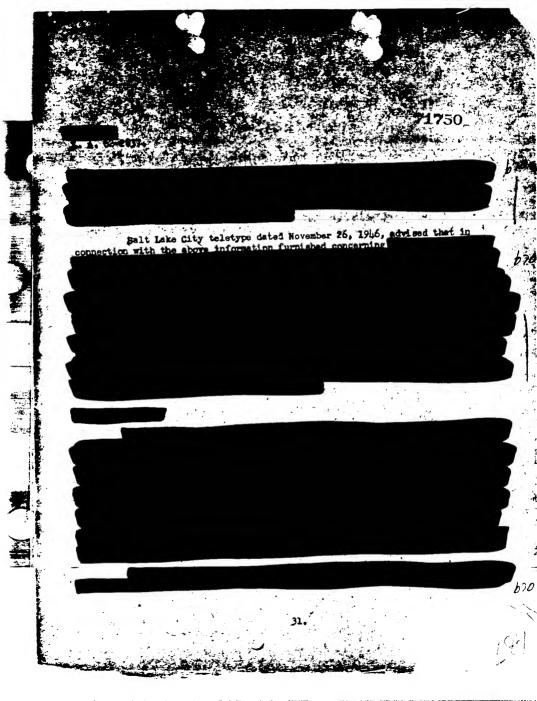
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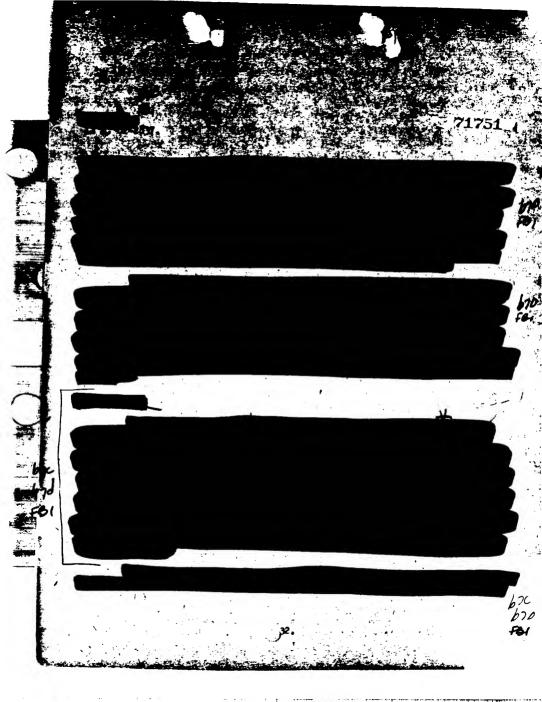
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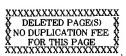
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in an effort to determine whether knew this guy. At the time questioned BEN whether he was to do mything about it to which SIERA replied in the negative. This same confidential source states that

This informant stated that is presently renting a penthouse to PENCHEN "SUCRY" SIEGEL and is endeavoring to obtain a house for the purpose of SIECEL purchasing it. It is believed that consideration is given to house at the present time.

had arrived in lower at which time he had contacted had arrived in lower at which time he had contacted and genster, and wanted to see hammediately "to make a deal", on this same date source stated that BENLAMN "BOOKY" STEGET stated to one that had called "The Tid" (believed to be about the one-half ten truck and the station wager and that he was getting 200 cases of 90 proof and 50 cases of scotch and 50 cases of gin, etc.

On November 27, 1916, this confidential informent advised that in conversation with 480 DRAGMA, head of the Trens-Lamonican News Service, 2dvised that when SIEGET comes to ten for a day of two wave keep jumping arounds.

On November 29, 1906, confidential source said that said that a "Guy" at the Beverly conversation with and that he is related milshire Hotel was trapped with the jamels Ther questioned as to the location stated that he was in San Francisco. et the present time Purther conversation reflected that was sent to China, that there was no set-up there at the present time and that he had returned stated and gene to Les Yugas and was in charge of the "jurca" and didn't ado my enade. Turtier conversation reflected that and that ne gets \$50,000. ras agent for for favorable publicity and \$50,000, from injected that he mat while he was having out of the papers. BEN SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL. dinner with

This confidential source also revealed that is in frequent contact with the following girls whom he calls at all hours of the night and makes requests for their appearance at his apartment:

